Setting up of Dye Houses in Export Centres for Boosting Handloom Exports

417. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have plans to set up dye houses in the major export centres in order te boost handloom exports;

(b) whether there is any plan to set up a computerised design centre for the production of new designs and colour combinations for the export market; and

(c) what action Government have taken on the action plan prepared by the Handloom Export Promotion Council?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Most of the suggestions contained in the action plan of HEPC require action on the part of the Council itself. However, whenever, the Council needs Government assistance, their proposals are considered on merits.

Loan Waiver for Handloom Weavers

418. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to extend the loan waiver of upto Rs.10,000 to handloom weavers also; and

(b) if so, when the orders are likely to be issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Scheme entitled "The Agricultural and Rural Loans Waiver Scheme-1990" already been issued.

419. *[Transferred to the 17th August, 1990]*

Units Seeking Ancillary Status from Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

420. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the units seeking ancillary status from Visakhapatnam Steel Plant and the names of the authorities who sponsored these units;

(b) since when these proposals are pending for consideration; and

(c) what are the reasons for the delay in clearing these units?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY .OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) to (c) Seven proposals seeking ancillary supplier status have been received by the Visakhapatnam Steel Project. Of which, five have been sponsored by District Industries Sector, Visakhapatnam, one is under consideration of the Development Officer, Industries Deptt. Govt, of Andhra Pradesh and one has not been sponsored by any authority. Most of the V.S.P. production facilities are still to be commissioned. Requirement of materials/ consumables from ancillary Units cannot be fully known at this stage. It is premature to consider these proposals.

Introduction of Auction System for Non-F.C.V. Tobacco

421. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state what steps have been taken to introduce auction system for non-F.C.V. tobacco under the jurisdiction of Tobacco Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): The steps taken to introduce auction system for

non-VFC tobacco under the jurisdiction of Tobacco Board are:

(i) A Bill to amend the Tobacco Board Act to suitably empower the Tobacco Board is likely to be introduced in the Monsoon Session of the Parliament.

(ii) Test auctions for bidi tobacco were held in Nippani, Karnataka, in April, 1990.

(iii) Planning Commission has been moved for budget allocation to undertake work relating to non-Virginia tobacco.

(iv) A Working Group has been constituted to advise the Government on appropriate regulations for taking over non-VFC tobacco. Thi s Working Group held its last meeting in Anand, Gujarat with the bidi tobacco growers, traders and manufcturers on 3rd August, 1990.

(v) It is proposed to hold test auctions for bidi tobacco in Gujarat in 1991 season, provided Tobacco Board is legally empowered and funds are available.

Production of 'ODKA' by Markfed

422. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that Punjab Markfed is authorised to produce "ODKA"; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the target date of production and also the expected quantity to be produced?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, sir:

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

देश में रुग्ण वस्त्र उत्पादक इकाइयों की संख्या

423. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय:**
श्री बेकल उत्साही:

क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) इस समय देश में रुग्ण वस्त्र उत्पादक इकाइयों की संख्या कितनी है और ये कहां अवस्थित हैं;

(ख) इन इकाइयों में कुल कितनी राशि का निवेश किया गया है; और

(ग) उन्हें कार्यक्षम बनाने के लिये सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं?

वस्त्र मंत्री साथ में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री शरद यादव): (क) एक विवरण संलग्न है। (**नीचे देखिये**)

(ख) यह जानकारी केन्द्रीय रूप से नहीं रखी जाती।

(ग) सरकार ने रुग्ण/बन्द पड़ी वस्त्र मिलों की पुनर्स्थापना के उद्देश्य से पैकेज बनाने तथा उसे कार्यान्वित करने के लिए एक नौडीय अभिकरण की स्थापना की है। सरकार ने रुग्ण औद्योगिक कम्पनियों के पुनरुद्धार के लिए निवारक सुधारात्मक तथा उपचारी उपाय निर्धारित तथा लागू करने के लिए औद्योगिक तथा वित्तीय पुनर्स्थापना बोर्ड की स्थापना भी की है।

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भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने जून, 1988 के अन्त तक की स्थिति अनुसार रुग्ण औद्योगिक कम्पनी (विशेष प्रावधान) अधिनियम, 1985 के प्रावधानों के अनुसार 226 मिलों को रुग्ण मिलों के रूप में वर्गीकृत किया है। इन रुग्ण मिलों की राज्यवार संख्या नीचे दी गई है:—

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